the following Bills passed by the Council.—

1. The Cochin Income-tax Act (Amendment) Bill.
2. The Cochin Sale of Goods Act (Amendment) Bill.
3. The Cochin Maintenance Orders Enforcement Bill.
4. The Cochin Limitation Act (Amendment) Bill.
5. The Cochin Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill.
6. The Cochin Municipal Act (Amendmennt) Bill.
7. The Cochin Verumpattamdars Bill.
8. The Cochin Income-tax Act (Amendment) Bill.
9. The Cochin Excess Profits Tax Act (Amendment) Bill.
10. The Cochin (Kersene) Excise Duty Bill.

Statement placed on the Table

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts)*: Sir, under Rule 58 of the Legislative Council Rules, I beg to place the following statement of expenditure authorised by Government under section 28 (*i*) (*c*) of the Government of Cochin Act, 1113.

Serial No.	Head of Account	Amount Rs.	Remarks
1	17 (1) Central Jail—Clothing and bedding ..	4,000	Owing to the increase in the number of jail population and the rise in the cost of articles, these additional allotments had to be sanctioned urgently.
2	17 (2) Sub-Jail—Diet to prisoners ..	6,500	
3	17 (2) Sub-Jail—Miscellaneous ..	400	
4	16 (c) Criminal Justice Contingencies—Miscellaneous ..	500	The increase in the number of crimes has necessitated much larger expenditure towards the trainage and diet charges of prisoners arrested and brought for remand and the further allotment had to be granted urgently.
5	37. A. (2) Income-tax—Establishment ..	2,004	This expenditure is mainly brought about by the operation of the new Income-tax Act of 1117 which necessitated the creation of a new Income-tax Office for the efficient discharge of the work of the Department.
6	37. B. (1) Dearness Allowance ..	149	
7	37. (C) T. A. ..	550	
8	37. (D) Contingencies ..	1,935	

SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North)*: Before the Supplementary Grant is moved, I beg to bring to your notice that the notes with regard to the supplementary grants may be made available to the members at least a day previous to the meeting, so that we may be in a position to know for what purpose the grants are moved.

Mr. President: This time the notes were received rather late. In future they will be sent to the members earlier.

(1) Rs. 225 under "23—Ayurveda—T.A."

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 225 under "23—Ayurveda—T.A". The budget provision under "T.A.—Ayurveda"

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has almost been exhausted. The Vydyan for anti-malarial operations has to travel to the Ayurvedic clinic recently started in connection with the Chalakkudi Annamalais Road Scheme, besides to the Estates and other hilly tracts. Two more members of the Advisory Board of the Department have to be paid T.A. this year. The expenditure under T.A. has increased due to these causes. The allotments sanctioned under other Heads are too limited to effect re-appropriation. An additional allotment of Rs. 225 is therefore necessary under "23. Ayurveda T.A."

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: May I know what was the result achieved by the Vydyan going to the Annamalais. Is this efficacious?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: Ayurveda Experts say that it is efficacious.

Demand put and carried

(2) Rs. 490 under "14—4—Legislative Council—Miscellaneous"

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 490 under "14—4—Legislative Council—Miscellaneous". This is the amount required on account of the A.R.P. arrangements that had to be made in this Council.

Demand put and carried

(3) Rs. 400 under "16—C—Criminal Justice and contingencies"

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 400 under "16—C—Criminal Justice and contingencies". This is the amount required to make refunds to those who had deposited in excess of the amounts required for Radio Licenses and also in one case for refund of the Newspaper License fee.

Demand put and carried

(4) Rs. 12,000 under "22—1—Medical proper—Dietary Charges"

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 12,000 under "22—1—Medical proper—Dietary Charges". This was necessitated because of the increase in the prices of dietary articles. I request the House will be pleased to sanction it.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: I wish to know whether in providing dietary articles for hospitals any reduction is made?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: Not because of the increase in prices of articles. Now we have passed orders that these dietary articles might be bought locally so that the patients may not suffer.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Hereafter at least, the Government will see that the patients are given sufficient food.

Demand put and carried

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

(1) The Cochin Village Courts Bill

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: I rise to move that the Cochin Village Courts Bill be read in Council and in doing so I wish to give a short resume of the history that has led up to this measure. Hon'ble Members are aware that during the Budget Session of 1116 the working of the Panchayat Courts was subjected to severe criticism and that my predecessor assured the House that Government would set up a committee to enquire into the working of these Courts and to recommend the steps to be taken for the better and more efficient working of these Courts. Accordingly Government appointed a Committee which was presided over by Rao Sahib C. V. Antony, Retired Chief Judge. The Committee after a very thorough enquiry has submitted its report which contains valuable and weighty suggestions. The Committee are definitely of opinion that while no case has been made out for the ending of these Courts there is a very good case for mending them. These Courts, according to the Committee, afford "a convenient means for the Villager to secure rough and ready justice at a comparatively lesser cost" and the extreme view of the abolition of these Courts held by a negligible minority is founded on the present unsatisfactory working of some of the Courts." To quote from the report of the Committee, "the Committee feel that no case has been made out for the total abolition of the Panchayat Courts, though very strong reasons exist for overhauling the constitution and working of these Courts".

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